

Appendix A

Analysis of Scoping Comments

Dispersed Campsite Riparian Protection Project

Three letters specific to the project were received during the scoping period of December 17, 2015 to January 29, 2016. The disposition of the comments are found in the Table below. The original comment letters are available in the project record.

Table 1: Comment Analysis

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Gary Macfarlane Friends of the Clearwater	While it appears this project would fit within a CE category, the selected category is not appropriate. These are dispersed sites, not developed sites and facilities. A CE category geared at protection of resources would seem more appropriate.	Category 220.6(d)(5) <i>Repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities</i> is considered the appropriate category for maintaining dispersed recreation sites and protecting riparian resources. If the campsites were administrative sites (developed), the appropriate CE category would be 220.6(d)(3) <i>Repair and maintenance of administrative sites</i> .
	We have asked that you prepare [a recreation plan for the North Fork] ... the plan could be proactive, perhaps obviating the need for these reactive measures, [and] would determine whether the sites should be closed or need actions as proposed.	The issue is outside the scope of the proposed action.
Brad Smith, Idaho Conservation League	[ICL] appreciates that the [FS] is taking steps to address the effects of dispersed camping in the North Fork Palouse River, Skull Creek, North Fork Clearwater River, and Vassar Meadows.	Thank you for your comment.
	Signs should be placed at the entrances to the river corridors and areas, informing the public that camping is limited to designated sites.	The issue is outside the scope of the proposed action.
	Designated sites should be located with signs showing a camping symbol, a number, or a combination of both.	Currently, the sites do not warrant measures such as signing to designate them as camping spots. The placement of the barriers, designed to blend into the environment, is considered the best approach to minimize further resource damage and to reduce the number of signs, etc. on the landscape.
	[T]he motor vehicle use maps for these locations should be changed so there are no exceptions to the travel management regulations to access any undesignated campsites.	The issue is outside the scope of the proposed action.
Bernie Hermann, Lewis-Clark ATV Club Inc.	The Lewis-Clark ATV Club Inc. supports the project.	Thank you for your comment.